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Proposals for the inauguration of Women's Thrift Societies.

* 361 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies had suggested last year the starting of Women's Thrift Societies as in the Punjab and the appointment of honorary women organizers for this purpose; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any action in the matter?

A.—(*a*) In October 1933 the Registrar proposed the appointment of a lady organizer for starting special types of societies for women in the Madras City.

(*b*) In the existing state of the movement, the Government did not think it desirable to start new activities.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know whether the Government propose to start any new activities in view of the present state of the co-operative movement?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"No, Sir."

Industries

Persons selected for receiving foreign scholarships during 1935 by the Department of Industries.

* 362 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) who the persons are who have been selected for foreign scholarships during this year in the Department of Industries;

(*b*) how many applications have been received for such selection; and from whom;

(*c*) what the qualifications are of each of the applicants;

(*d*) whether there is any committee in existence for making such selections and recommending names to the Government; and

(*e*) if so, who the members are of the Committee?

A.—(*a*) (1) Muhammad Mumtaz Farookhi.

(2) B. Jagannatha Hegde.

(*b*) & (*c*) Eighty applications were received.

No useful purpose will be served by reciting the names and the qualifications of all the candidates.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The members are—

(1) The Director of Industries.

(2) The Director of Public Instruction.

(3) A member nominated by the Madras Chamber of Commerce.

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(4) A member nominated by the South Indian Chamber of Commerce.
(5) The Chief Engineer, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway.
(6) Sir S. Radhakrishnan, *Kt.*, Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University, Waltair.
(7) Diwan Bahadur B. Mahabala Hegde, B.A., B.L., Mangalore.
(8) Diwan Bahadur S. Ellappa Chettiyar, M.L.C.
(9) A. Hameed Khan Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C.
(10) Mr. W. B. Horrocks, Managing Director, Messrs. Massey & Co., Ltd., Madras.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I ask the Hon. Minister as to how many persons have been selected by the committee for these scholarships?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"There were three candidates recommended for each of the two items; that is my recollection."

Mr. V. P. NARAYANAN NAMBIYAR:—"May I know whether the Government are aware that gentleman No. 2 mentioned was not one of those who were originally called by the committee and that he was overaged?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"His name was certainly one of the three recommended by the committee, Sir."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know whether the second gentleman mentioned is related to any of the members of the committee?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I have no information on that point; but the Government came to select this man on no such extraneous consideration."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"How long ago were the non-official members of the committee appointed?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I am afraid I do not know; as hon. Members know, the port folio came into my hands only recently."

Mr. V. P. NARAYANAN NAMBIYAR:—"May I know whether in the order of preference, the candidate No. 2 was the third?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I can say, Sir, that the candidate was third in the order of preference; but the committee recommended that he belongs to a particular community which has had no opportunities before. So, this candidate was preferred."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"Will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of having the Indian Christian community represented on the committee?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"When the committee comes up to be constituted again, Sir, yes."